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# Project Update

**State Road 26  
Tippecanoe County  
DES# 9134885**



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## New Project Facilitator – Annette Cousert

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Annette Cousert has been appointed as the new Project Facilitator for the construction project for SR26. She is pleased to be your point of contact for this project.

The Added Travel Lanes Construction project will be from I-65 to 0.3 miles E of CR 550E. The entire project is located in Tippecanoe County and has a total project length of about 5 miles. The added travel lanes should ease traffic congestion and aid in a smoother flow.

Utility relocation is being finished now and construction should get underway soon. A ground-breaking ceremony is being scheduled for July.

As the project facilitator for the SR26 project, Annette would like to proactively engage you as a project stakeholder. Your comments, concerns, questions and input are very much appreciated. Her contact information can be found in the left margin.

### What is Project Facilitation?

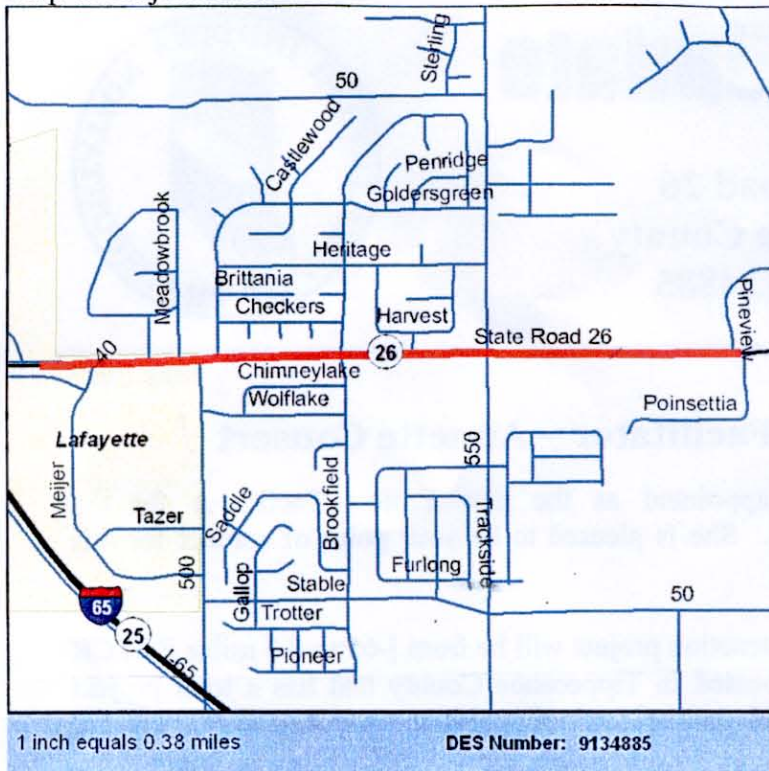
Project Facilitation is a proactive effort to engage the public in INDOT's large projects. It is the responsibility of project facilitators to keep the public informed of changes to these projects through meetings, correspondence, newsletters and websites.

The first phase of a project begins with careful planning. This includes assessing the need for improvement. Once a project's purpose and need are established the environmental studies start. These studies evaluate what effects the project might have on the environment and surrounding communities. The studies lead to the selection of a preferred alternative, meaning the best location for the project that meets the purpose and need, as well as avoids and minimizes potential impacts to the environment and communities. Once environmental documentation is completed and approved the project moves to the design phase. During this phase, detailed engineering work is completed giving INDOT a clear picture of exactly where the roadway will be located. Next is land acquisition which includes the purchasing of necessary property and the clearing of right-of-way. Once land acquisition is complete, construction of the roadway will begin followed by the opening of the roadway to motorists.





## Map of Project Area



### Questions and Answers

**Q. How is right of way acquired by INDOT?**

A. Log on to:

[www.fhwadot.gov/realestate/realprop/index.html](http://www.fhwadot.gov/realestate/realprop/index.html)

**Q. What are my relocation benefits if my house or business must be removed from the new right of way?**

A. Log on to:

[www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/rights/index.html](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/realestate/rights/index.html)

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